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New Moon

All this week, Metro Canada is giving you a look behind the scenes of New Moon, the newest film in the TWILIGHT series.
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Penguins force Game 7 **Win 2-1**

SHAUN BEST/REUTERS

Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby flies through the crease in front of Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood during action in the first period in Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals hockey series in Pittsburgh. The Pens tied the series 3-3 and forced a final Game 7 this Friday in Detroit. **More coverage, pg 11**

Officer in YVR Tasering may face driving charges

RCMP corporal has been suspended since Oct. fatal collision

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One of four RCMP officers involved in the Tasering of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport in 2007 could face impaired and dangerous driving charges from an October collision that killed a 21-year-old Tsawwassen man.

Orion Hutchinson was riding his motorcycle westbound on Sixth Avenue in Tsawwassen at 10:15 p.m. on Oct. 25 when he collided with a jeep driven by Benjamin (Monty) Robinson, an off-duty RCMP corporal.

Hutchinson was thrown from the motorcycle and died at the scene.

Hutchinson

Robinson was taken into custody and allegedly failed a breathalyzer test.

"Delta police are now awaiting charge approval on the recommended charges against the off-duty RCMP officer, Monty Robinson, of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death," said Delta Const. Sharlene Brooks in a media release.

Robinson

Neil MacKenzie, a spokesman for the criminal justice branch, confirmed the Crown had received the report.

He said a review was underway and would likely be completed within a month.

Robinson was the commanding officer at Vancouver International Airport the morning of Oct. 14, 2007, when he and three RCMP officers confronted Robert Dziekanski.

Robinson ordered Const. Kwesi Millington to shock Dziekanski with the Taser, minutes before the 40-year-old Polish immigrant's death.

Robinson has been suspended with pay since Hutchinson's death.

The 21-year-old Hutchinson had recently completed a trades discovery program at BCIT and was killed two days before he was scheduled to start work.

In a statement, his family remembered him as an athlete who loved music and reading and held a deep fascination for the natural world.

RCMP warn of possible child kidnapping

CAUTION Richmond RCMP are warning parents about the possibility of a future kidnapping.

Cpl. Jennifer Pound made the unusual announcement yesterday after Mounties received information that a child may be abducted sometime in the next several weeks.

"The information at this point is extremely minimal but the priority is to advise the public so you may take the necessary precautions," Pound said. "It is believed the potential victim attends one of the Richmond Elementary Schools."

Although information is limited police are actively investigating the case.

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Stunt video gets police attention

DRIVING A video posted on YouTube of motorcycle riders stunting through Vancouver constitutes criminal driving behaviour, RCMP said yesterday.

The video, which has been removed from youtube.ca, was entitled Cruising Around Vancouver and was posted online on June 4.

"What I saw of the video constitutes criminal driving behaviour," said RCMP spokesman Staff Sgt. Marc Alexander. He said any charges would fall under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Police Department.

Vancouver Const. Jana McGuinness, though, said the videos are not being investigated by the VPD because no one knows where they originated. She added that anyone caught stunting would be dealt with severely under the Motor Vehicle Act.

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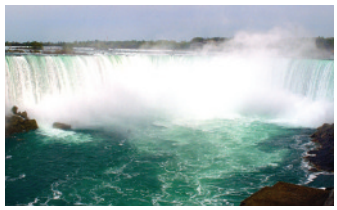

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Hollow Tree being shifted to original position
The Hollow Tree in Stanley Park will soon stand a little straighter. The Stanley Park Hollow Tree Conservation Society has raised almost $215,000 to bring in a crane tomorrow to shift the tree back to its original position before wind storms in 2006 left it leaning dangerously. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Independent MLA sworn in

Vicki Huntington, left, was sworn in as B.C.'s first independent MLA in more than 60 years yesterday. Huntington, who beat former attorney general Wally Oppal in the riding of Delta South, told reporters she would not accept a caucus seat if it meant crossing the floor and joining a party. METRO VANCOUVER

Close call for cabin owner as fire draws near

Man retrieves valuables and escapes hours before massive blaze triggers evacuation order

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Stewart Nimmo made it to his fire-threatened Marshall Lake cabin to remove his valuables by the skin of his teeth.

A raging wildfire, which has tripled in size to 6,000 hectares since Thursday, is approaching his family's cabin.

Around 200 firefighters and 13 helicopters have been battling the growing blaze since May 29. It started around 100 kilometres west of Lillooet and north of Whistler.

Hours after Nimmo loaded his car and headed back to his North Vancouver home on Saturday evening, the fire intensified and officials announced an evacuation order for the area.

"We just sort of went for it and managed to get in and get my stuff out," Nimmo said.

"Once you hear the evacuation order's in place you go, 'Oh my gosh, that's not good.'"

Nimmo said it was "intense" packing his irreplaceables as the fire raged behind a ridge across the lake.

"I couldn't see the flames, but … during the three hours I was there the smoke had gotten much more intense and I could see the billowing dark clouds.

"Heavy equipment was starting to move in (along with) trucks full of water. Being there and having that activity and not a lot of people around … it had my heart pumping. It put you on your edge a little."

Nimmo's cabin has been in the family for 15 years, and he said it would be tough to lose it.

"You get emotional thinking about it … But you'd move on."

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A wildfire rolls toward Marshall Lake near Gold Bridge — about 100 kilometres north of Pemberton and west of Lillooet — on Monday.

Hard, dirty work

• When Garry Horley talks about the work being done by the firefighters battling a raging wildfire west of Lillooet, it's as if they're soldiers fighting a war.

Around 200 firefighters have been stationed in the Interior wilderness since late May, working 12-hour shifts to control an escalating fire that now engulfs 6,000 hectares.

"It's hard and dirty work," said Horley, a fire information officer who is staying with the firefighters at camp. "They're working in ash and dust and smoke, and when they come off the fire line (they're) almost pitch black."

Horley said the crews work in sweltering heat while fighting to establish a line to keep the fire at bay, and often come back in the morning to find that the line's been breached.

"It's frustrating … It takes a little bit out of you."

Horley said he sits and eats with "the guys" every day and asks how things are going.

"They say, 'We worked hard today.' They're very upbeat and positive."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Recovered foot likely not related to others: Officials

DISCOVERY The mystery of the feet that have been washing up on Pacific Northwest shorelines has intensified with the discovery of a foot at a Washington construction site, but investigators say it's unlikely this recent case is related to the others. METRO VANCOUVER

Lawyers' fund compensating fraud victims

AID Money paid into a fund by lawyers across British Columbia is being used to compensate people defrauded by a former lawyer.

So far, $38.4 million has been paid out by the Law Society of B.C. after disbarred lawyer Martin Wirick admitted to being part of a multimillion-dollar real estate scam.

Wirick was handed a sentence of seven years in jail yesterday after pleading guilty to two counts of fraud and two counts of forgery.

He confessed the scam to the Law Society in 2002.

Wirick and a co-accused sold and refinanced properties over a period of three years without using the money from the transactions to pay off existing mortgages.

People who thought their homes were paid for eventually discovered they were deep in debt.

In all, it's estimated that home buyers lost about $40 million.

Since 2002, the Law Society has worked to help those affected through the Special Compensation Fund fees that all B.C. lawyers pay into.

Money from this fund is used to aid victims of legal fraud.

The Law Society has also changed some rules to prevent future scams.

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Businesses told to watch for fake cash

BILLS Police are warning businesses in Langley to be on the lookout for fake cash after someone tried to exchange $4,500 in counterfeit U.S. bills at a local Money Mart.

RCMP Const. Holly Marks said yesterday a female customer tried to exchange the money — which was all in $50 bills — on Saturday.

"The staff at Money Mart completed some simple tests and determined the money to be counterfeit," Marks said. "The money was returned to the customer who then left the business."

Langley RCMP are investigating the incident, and Marks said businesses in the area should be extra vigilant when accepting $50 bills. METRO VANCOUVER

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What's online today.

Blogs From scrunchies to nylon, style columnist Kenya Hunt laments American Apparel's focus on resurrecting garish 80s fashion

News in brief

MURDER The death of a 21-month-old child in New Hazelton, B.C., has been ruled murder, RCMP said yesterday. An autopsy determined the child died as a result of injuries sustained at the hands of another person. No arrests have been made.

FIRE A Maple Ridge building burned to the ground yesterday after a fire broke out yesterday afternoon, news1130.com reports. The cars stationed in the parking lot of Carline Muffler near Lougheed Highway were also destroyed. It's not clear how the fire broke out.

BURN BAN Surrey has issued a temporary burn ban, news1130.com reports. Officials said permits that have recently been issued to allow outdoor fires on rural properties have been suspended in light of the recent hot, dry weather. The ban also applies to barbecues on parks and beaches.

ARREST Transit police arrested a 40-year-old man for allegedly punching another man in the face on a Surrey street.

HOMELESS Some False Creek residents are upset that two temporary low-barrier homeless shelters, which were opened underneath the Granville Street Bridge to help people keep warm during the winter, are still open, CBC News Online reports.

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Free at last, free at last

Canadians celebrate Tax Freedom Day three days earlier

TheWestView

In my ceaseless quest to contribute to Metro's SunnySide initiative (a quest hampered only by my disposition, which is on the cloudy side), I would like to remind you that we celebrated Tax Freedom Day June 6, three days earlier than last year!

How's that for good news?

Tax Freedom Day is a benchmark that had its origins in the U.S., while the Fraser Institute runs the Canadian franchise. The idea is to calculate the first day of the year you're working for yourself, not the government. Between Jan. 1 and June 6, everything you earn goes to the government. After June 6, your own personal posse of bill collectors is free to go after the rest.

It's a little breathtaking to find out that nearly half a year of getting up in the dark, choking down breakfast and battling traffic on the way to a hard day at the ant hill is dedicated to the tax man.

Don't get me wrong. I love paying taxes! The government deploys my meagre stipend with such wisdom! The CRA rocks!

But I'm sure The Man won't mind too much if we celebrate an extra three days of tax freedom. It is, after all, a brief anomaly. You can bet that Jimmy Flaherty's $50-billion-and-counting deficit will take care of that, and next year's Tax Freedom Day will correspond with the first frost on the pumpkin.

Sunny Side

If there is any residual resentment that the government owns you like the wage slave you are until well into June, you should be grateful you don't live in one of those tax-and-spend Scandinavian countries like Sweden, which doesn't loosen its iron grip on your wallet until summer is half over on July 29. Of course, we could resent Australia, which starts to enjoy tax freedom on April 22, as if all that sunshine and sand wasn't enough. And Americans start being tax free on April 13, but what do you expect from a country that has "Liberty" in its mission statement?

Here in Canada, we're all about good government, and we make sure the good old government has enough cash on hand to fund important initiatives such as $20 million per year for the office of the Queen's Official Seal Taster (a.k.a. the Governor General) or $10.6 billion (yup, that's billion) so GM can keep making stupid cars (as opposed to Smart Cars) in Ontario.

Come to think of it, the government needs it more than I do: Monsieur Blackburn, go ahead and take the rest. I'll just spend it on food and shelter anyway.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Worth mentioning

Gene explains breast cancer chemo outcomes

Genetic mutations can show which breast cancer patients will be helped by a certain type of chemotherapy, U.S. researchers said yesterday.

They found patients with two versions of the SOD2 fared worse when taking the chemotherapy drug cyclophosphamide than other patients. It might be useful to test patients for this gene before giving them the drug, the researchers reported in the journal Clinical Cancer Research.

"In the future, such tests may be used to guide the treatment of patients with the SOD2 variation, ensuring that they receive a therapy that is more effective than cyclophosphamide-based therapies," Dr. Stefan Ambs of the National Cancer Institute, who worked on the study, said in a statement.

588
The researchers studied 588 breast cancer patients in the United States and Norway. Some got chemotherapy, and some did not.

Of the patients given chemotherapy, those who had variations of SOD2 fell into two groups. Women with one form of SOD2 had a higher risk of dying than others. And women with a second variation of SOD2 had the highest risk of dying in the study.

The study adds to a growing body of research that shows ways to test cancer patients to see which drugs will work best against their particular tumours.

REUTERS

Word on the street: Should the NHL season be officially over by the end of May?

Vaidehi Seth
age 24, Vancouver
A: I've stopped watching it. It probably should finish in early June or the end of May.

Jeremy Miedzinski
age 24, Vancouver
A: Yeah, it has been going on too long. It's tough to wait between the games. I just want the Penguins to win and get it over with.

Molly Hawkins
age 30, Vancouver
A: No. It was a great, fun season and really action-packed towards the end. It was quite exciting to be part of such an exciting season.

Rocky Sinclair
age 49, Edmonton
A: No. Because the playoffs aren't over. It's over when it's over. When you're a hockey fan you watch it as long as you can.

Judi Young
age n/a, Halifax
A: Absolutely it should be over by the end of May. We should be ... more involved in outdoor activities instead of sitting in front of the TV.

Louis Seta
age 56, Toronto
A: No, I don't think you can have a designated end of season ... Toronto's season is over in April, isn't it?

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Alberta moderates climate change demands 5

Alberta has moderated demands for a direct role in Canada/U.S. climate change negotiations, but wants Ottawa to consult the provinces before reaching a deal, an Alberta's official said. REUTERS

Canada

Raitt won't apologize

MP feels the heat after 'sexy' remark made public

Lisa Raitt has lost a grandmother, grandfather, father and brother to cancer.

But, under fire for privately calling the medical isotope shortage a "sexy" story and a chance to shine in the political limelight unlike a cabinet colleague, the federal minister at the centre of a cancer treatment storm offered no apology to the Commons.

Raitt

And Prime Minister Stephen Harper made clear he doesn't expect her to.

Instead, Harper defended Raitt against criticism from Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff.

Harper said Raitt, the minister in charge of the shutdown of a reactor that triggered a looming shortage of isotopes critical to heart and cancer tests, has been "working around the clock" to manage the crisis.

He accused the Liberals of "playing cheap politics" with the issue.

Many cancer patients and families yesterday said Raitt should say "sorry" for her insensitive remarks, at the least.

"Truly? I find it offensive that she would play with people's lives in such an offhanded manner," said an Ottawa mother who did not want to be named, but whose daughter survived Hodgkins. "I absolutely think she should apologize."

Meredith Marks, an Ottawa medical doctor in the midst of her own personal battle with cancer, said she was not put off by the "sexy" remark Raitt made.

As a doctor, she said, "we often talk about what's sexy and what's not. Acute care is sexy, rehab is not." But Marks was taken aback by the "selfishness" of Raitt's other comments.

"This is a very serious issue. What she should be doing is trying to solve an issue to help the public not to pad her resumé and take credit for something ... and downplaying a colleague."

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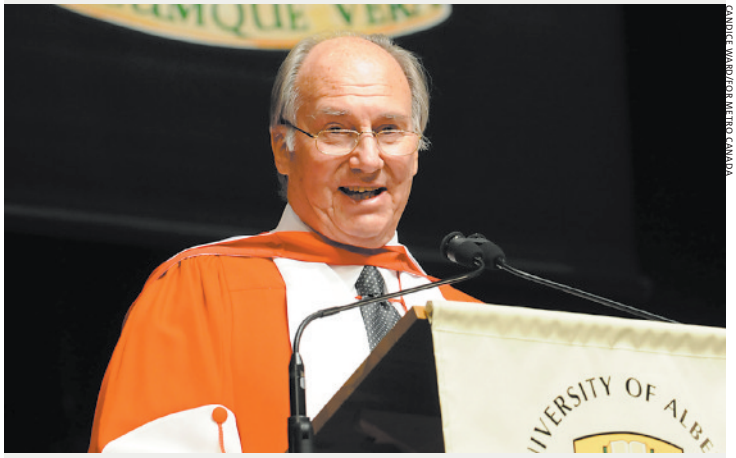
CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

His Highness the Aga Khan speaks to University of Alberta graduates yesterday after receiving an honorary doctorate at the Northern Alberta Jubilee in Edmonton as part of the Ismaili Muslim spiritual leader's visit to this country.

News in brief

ELECTION Nova Scotia has its first NDP government — and a majority government at that. CBC News projected a historic win for Darrell Dexter's New Democratic Party, ending a decade of Progressive Conservative rule in the province. It also marks the first time Nova Scotia has had a majority government since 2003. After the votes were counted Tuesday, the New Democrats swept in with 31 seats in the 52-seat legislature.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Police on metal case

MISSING Police will investigate why the Royal Canadian Mint seems to have lost some of its gold and other precious metals, the government said yesterday.

Media reports say more than $10 million in gold and other assets are missing. Ottawa acted after it learned that an independent audit of the mint was not going to be able to solve the mystery.

"I have instructed the mint to call in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to (do) a full investigation," junior government minister Rob Merrifield told reporters, declining to say how much was missing.

Opposition politicians said it showed the Conservatives were hopelessly incompetent. "If they can't even hold on to the gold in the mint, what are they capable of doing?" asked MP Thomas Mulcair. REUTERS

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Air France to re-equip speed sensors on Airbus planes

Air France has said all its flights using long-haul Airbus jets will be equipped immediately with new speed sensors after last week's disaster over the Atlantic, a pilots' union said yesterday. REUTERS

World

Politician hits back at Ahmadinejad

One of Iran's most senior politicians accused president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday of lying in a televised presidential election debate and called on the country's supreme leader to intervene. In an unprecedented public attack, former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, left, said tens of millions of Iranians had witnessed "mis-statements and fabrications" in the debate last week, when Ahmadinejad accused Rafsanjani of corruption. REUTERS

U.S., N. Korea tensions rise

Nuclear threat follows harsh sentence for American reporters

Relatives of two U.S. journalists sentenced to 12 years hard labour in North Korea called on the reclusive state to show compassion, while Pyongyang threatened to use nuclear weapons if outside countries invade.

Monday's harsh sentence of the two women by a North Korean court deepened tensions between Pyongyang and Washington triggered by North Korea's nuclear test in May.

Efforts by the United States and Japan to expand sanctions to punish North Korea for the test failed to produce a deal yesterday in the UN Security Council, where China and Russia have not wanted to provoke Pyongyang.

"We ask the government of North Korea to show compassion and grant Laura and Euna clemency and allow them to return home to their families," relatives of Laura Ling and Euna Lee said in a statement.

The two were arrested in March near the China-North Korea border while working on a story for Current TV, co-founded by former U.S. vice-president Al Gore.

The North convicted them of "grave crimes," saying they illegally entered the country, but details of their arrest, including where they were detained, are sketchy.

Human rights groups and defectors have said the North maintains a network of prisons where inmates are overworked and underfed and brutality is the norm. REUTERS

North Korea prepares for missile test

- North Korea appeared ready to increase tensions further by preparing for tests of a long-range missile that could reach U.S. territory and mid-range missiles capable of striking anywhere in South Korea and most of Japan, officials say.
- U.S. defence secretary Robert Gates said 30 interceptor missiles already in silos or under construction in Alaska and California were "fully adequate" to protect the United States.

UN worker among dead

BOMBING Militants attacked a hotel popular with foreigners in the Pakistani city of Peshawar with guns and a truck bomb yesterday, killing five people including a UN worker, authorities said. Taliban militants have stepped up bomb attacks since the military launched an offensive in April in the former tourist valley of Swat and neighbouring districts northwest of the capital.

Militants shot their way through a security post at the gate of the Pearl Continental Hotel and a suspected suicide bomber set off the truck-bomb in front of the lobby, security officials said. Top city administrator Sahibzada Anis said five people had been killed, among them a UN refugee agency worker.

Police said the man was Serbian. About 70 people were wounded, among them a German woman working for the UN children's fund.

A British man and a Nigerian man were also wounded, Anis said.

About a dozen UN staff were staying at the hotel and some had been wounded but there had been no report of any fatality, a UN official said.

The hotel's windows were shattered and dozens of cars were destroyed. REUTERS

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News in brief

HEALTH Since January of this year, girls in Denmark have been offered free vaccinations against the HPV virus. However, authorities do not think that it will pay off to vaccinate the boys. "Economical analysis show that it is not feasible to vaccinate boys," says Dr. Sigrid Poulsen of the Danish Board of Health. METRO DENMARK

France Grisly child murder trial underway

STEPHANE MAHE/REUTERS

Veronique Courjault (covered with hood, right) leaves court surrounded by police on the opening day of her trial in France yesterday. Courjault stands accused of the deaths of her three newborn babies between 1999 and 2003. She is said to have stored two of the children's bodies in a freezer while she and her husband lived in South Korea.

News in brief

ABORTION The family of a murdered Kansas doctor said yesterday they would not reopen his clinic, which was one of only a few in the United States willing to provide late-term abortions. George Tiller, 67, was shot and killed in the foyer of his church May 31.

FLU The World Health Organization is close to declaring a full influenza A (H1N1) pandemic but wants to make sure countries are prepared to prevent panic, an expert said yesterday. Keiji Fukuda, acting WHO assistant director-general, voiced concern at the sustained spread of the new strain, also known as swine flu, in countries including more than 1,000 cases in Australia following major outbreaks in North America where it was first detected. The disease has infected more than 26,500 people in 73 countries, with 140 deaths. REUTERS

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Dozens injured by blast at plant

An explosion caused parts of the roof to collapse yesterday at a ConAgra Foods Inc. processing plant in Garner, N.C., injuring more than 40 people and leaving one missing, police said.

Three people had serious burns while others suffered injuries ranging from broken bones to inhalation of smoke and toxic fumes, local news media reported. One worker was still unaccounted for but there were no reports of any deaths, said a Garner police officer, Sgt. Joe Binns.

The 500,000-square-foot plant in Garner, just south of the state capital of Raleigh, employed 900 people in three shifts and made Slim Jim meat sticks, ConAgra said.

The explosion started a fire and blew out a wall that fell onto a row of parked cars, crushing them. People at the scene reported a strong smell of ammonia fumes.

The cause of the blast was unknown.

ConAgra, which acquired the plant in 1998, said it was co-operating with local authorities and sending a team of experts to the facility.

"Our first priority is the safety and health of our employees and the local community," the company said in a statement.

The plant was inspected by the North Carolina Department of Labor for workplace safety last July and no violations were found, said Labor Department spokeswoman Dolores Quesenberry.

REUTERS

U.S. bid to spur auto sales OK'd

VOUCHERS The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation yesterday intended to spur auto sales by giving consumers up to $4 billion US in cash vouchers to buy more fuel efficient vehicles.

A similar proposal is working its way through the U.S. Senate where proponents continue to wrangle with political and procedural hurdles.

President Barack Obama has urged Congress to quickly finalize the measure.

REUTERS

Gitmo detainee pleads not guilty

TERROR The United States transferred the first detainee from Guantanamo Bay yesterday to stand trial in a U.S. civilian court in a test case for U.S. President Barack Obama's plans to close the controversial prison for foreign terrorism suspects.

Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba since 2006, pleaded not guilty in Manhattan court to charges of conspiring in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya that killed 224 people.

He had been escorted to New York by U.S. marshals, the Department of Justice said.

Ghailani faces 286 counts, including charges of conspiring with Osama bin Laden and other members of al-Qaida to kill Americans anywhere in the world, and separate charges of murder for each of the 224 people killed in the bombings on Aug. 7, 1998.

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Pirates may hit Red Sea, U.S. warns

RED SEA Pirates in the Gulf of Aden are increasingly operating at night and could expand their raids into the Red Sea, the U.S. navy said yesterday.

The Bahrain-headquartered Fifth Fleet said it had warned merchant vessels about changes in pirates' tactics following bad weather and the stepped-up presence of international navies.

A navy statement said a confirmed pirate attack took place at the southern end of the Red Sea at the end of May and ships should be cautious when transiting through the area.

Piracy has flourished in recent months off the coast of Somalia, with seaborne gangs seizing several cargo ships for millions of dollars in ransom.

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News in brief

RUSSIA Gunmen shot dead two policemen in the volatile Russian region of Dagestan yesterday just hours after President Dmitry Medvedev sought to rally officials there in their fight against Islamist insurgents.

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Metro Drive

Mazda value

Canadian Black Book (CBB) recently presented Mazda Canada with a Best Retained Value award for the Mazda3, auto123.com reports. The award is based on data gathered from four-year-old vehicles, in this case 2005 models. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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CUVs, as you like it

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Your crossover utility vehicle is built to give you and your family hours of enjoyment and entertainment on the open road. With the ability to tackle a variety of conditions and terrain with style and comfort, it's a vehicle that intends to provide flexible operation — no matter the task you throw its way.

Some folks leave their crossover the way it was built — but for many, the factory is just the start. More owners than ever are into crossover customization — effectively fine-tuning their rides to fit a precise need or lifestyle.

Sound interesting? Be sure to check out the selection of accessories and add-ons available to help customize your crossover.

If you're into outdoor sports, consider a roof-rack or cargo carrier to help haul around any sporting gear your adventures may require. You may even find a ski or snowboard attachment for the roof-rack, allowing more cumbersome items to be left outside the vehicle. A bike-rack may be available to carry your two-wheeled transportation on the vehicle's exterior, too.

Additionally, a bumper protector and cargo mat will keep paint and carpeting free of damage during loading and unloading of gear or pets. Typically, a little protection goes a long way towards the life of your vehicle's interior and finish.

Dividers, liners and boxes may be available custom-fitted to the cargo area of your crossover model too. These can be handy to keep cargo in place while protecting carpeting from spills.

Mud-flaps are a good investment as well. They can add a sense of ruggedness to your machine's looks while preventing long-term paint and body damage caused by salt and sand spray from the tires. Consider upgraded rims, window tinting or chrome accents for additional visual flare.

Of course, upgrading the exterior of your crossover is only part of the equation — so be sure to check out interior trim accents, a hands-free phone system, navigation, or a rear-seat DVD entertainment console. Depending on the model, you may even find an iPod integration kit available to keep connected to your music collection on the go.

Into security and safety? Check out a backup-camera system. Available for virtually any model, it displays a rear-ward-facing image on a small screen that gives drivers a better view of what's going on behind them while backing up. For more peace of mind, you dealership likely carries a selection of security alarms and anti-theft devices as well.

Note that unlike some cheap knock-offs, factory accessories will fit and perform properly the first time, and last for years. They're often covered by the same new-vehicle warranty that applies to the rest of your machine, too.

After a test-drive, be sure to talk to your sales representative about accessorizing your crossover, or ask for a copy of the accessories catalog for some ideas.

If you're an outdoors person, there are many products available from car manufacturers that will help you haul your sports equipment.

Product ideas for crossovers

AutoPilot

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'09 Touareg TDI cleaner option

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Highlights

- Roomy, comfortable interior
- Smooth drive
- Great fuel economy

TEST DRIVE With the advent of new technologies to handle emissions, diesels are set to make inroads in Canada, offering impressive fuel economy and long range. Volkswagen's newest entry is the 2009 Touareg TDI, which uses VW's Clean Diesel technology to meet strict emissions standards.

It uses a 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel, one of two Touareg engines for 2009, alongside a 3.6-litre V6 gasoline engine. The diesel engine is $4,000 extra, and prices for the TDI range over three trim lines, from $48,975 to $62,675. All models are all-wheel-drive.

The diesel gives the expected low-end power, making 225 horsepower and an impressive 406 lb-ft of torque. It doesn't feel quick, but it certainly feels powerful, with good, solid, steady strength available at just about any notch on the throttle.

The six-speed automatic transmission is well-mated to the engine and shifts smoothly; the whole driveline is extremely impressive. The engine is naturally noisier than a gasoline version when you're standing alongside it, although it's certainly not clattery. But inside, it's hard to tell that you're driving a diesel; the cabin is extremely well-insulated and very quiet.

It's also extremely roomy, with very comfortable and supportive seats; I could see riding across Canada in it without feeling the effects on my spine.

On the highway, the Touareg has a well-planted stance, with no suspension noise over bumps. But I don't like the steering feel, which is far too light; it doesn't feel like I'm "talking to the wheels." There needs to be more weight to give the driver confidence.

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Compensation won't cover closing costs: GM dealers

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G8 seeking European stress tests

International banking system in need of repairs: Finance minister

The Group of Eight leading financial powers have held discussions about encouraging stress tests on European banks, an important step in fixing the international banking system, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that Washington wants European countries to put their banks through more rigorous public stress tests and would raise the idea at the G8 finance ministers meeting in Italy this weekend.

"I have been clear at previous meetings ... that fixing the banking system is the *sine qua non* to recovery."
Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

"There already have been ... discussions about encouraging stress testing not only in the American banks but in the European banks, where it has not necessarily occurred," Flaherty told reporters.

"The prime minister (Stephen Harper) and I have been clear at previous meetings, including the (G20) summit in London in the beginning of April, that fixing the banking system is the *sine qua non* to recovery in the real economies," he said.

Last month, European Central Bank governing council member Christian Noyer, who is also the head of the Bank of France, said he favoured co-ordinated stress tests in Europe.

Countries within the 27-nation European Union bloc were now convinced of the need to run such tests more consistently and appeared ready to act in a co-ordinated manner, he said.

The results of tests carried out by individual countries in the EU have not been made public so far and there are no plans to reveal the results of a broader stress test by regulators currently under way in the bloc. REUTERS

U.S. Supreme Court clears path for Chrysler sale

AUTO In a victory for the Obama administration driving the restructuring of bankrupt Chrysler LLC, the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday denied a request from Indiana pension funds to delay the sale of the automaker to a group led by Italy's Fiat, a union-aligned trust, and the U.S. and Canadian governments.

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Switzerland **Fair for art lovers**

ARND WIEGMANN/REUTERS

A woman looks at an 1987 untitled artwork by U.S. artist Barbara Kruger at the Art Basel fair yesterday in Switzerland. The Art Basel runs from today to June 14.

Wireless startup opts for 2 brands

MOBILE Globalive Wireless will pursue a two-brand strategy when it launches later this year, with one of the brands taking the same name as the company's Yak long-distance service, its CEO said yesterday.

Anthony Lacavera said a multi-brand approach allows Globalive to appeal to a wide range of potential customers — from teens and tweens to small- and medium-sized businesses — with a wide variety of handsets and services.

In addition to focusing on cheap, prepaid cell plans, Lacavera said Globalive wants to offer pricier wireless devices such as Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry line and Apple Inc.'s iPhone. Globalive is also looking at offering bundled wireless, Internet and home phone service, he said.

Established companies have already adopted a similar two-brand strategy. Rogers Communications Inc., for example, relies heavily on its discount Fido brand to appeal to a younger demographic, while Telus Corp. created its Koodo brand last year in a bid to appeal to consumers who balked at lengthy, fee-laden cell-phone contracts and complicated wireless plans.

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Business in brief

AIR CANADA A tentative agreement with most of its unionized staff will help ease an immediate cash crunch at Air Canada, but it is not enough on its own to fend off the spectre of bankruptcy, analysts said yesterday. The airline still needs to secure "substantial" financing to help it ride out one of the worst downturns in the industry's history, a difficult task given its already heavy debt load.

INTEREST Soaring bond yields have set the stage for a second round of interest rate hikes on residential mortgages in about a week. After nudging rates higher on longer-term mortgages last Wednesday, Toronto-Dominion Bank yesterday raised borrowing costs on its five-year, fixed-rate loan by 40 basis points to 5.85 per cent, effective today.

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Sutter quits Devils
Brent Sutter has resigned as the coach of the New Jersey Devils after just two seasons. Sutter cited family reasons in making the decision yesterday, saying the Devils' first-round playoff loss to the Carolina Hurricanes was not a factor in his decision. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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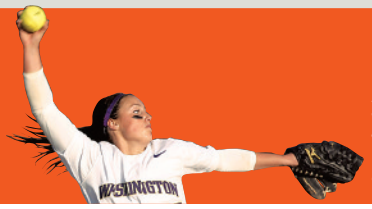

Canadian best in the U.S.

Danielle Lawrie, left, of Langley, B.C, was awarded the Honda Award as the top college softball player in the U.S. after winning the NCAA championship with Washington. Lawrie led the nation with 42 wins and striking out 521 batters. She's also nominated for the Honda-Broderick Cup, awarded to the college female athlete of the year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Pens, Wings headed for Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Detroit 1 Pittsburgh 2

Tyler Kennedy registered the game-winning goal in the third period and added an assist, as the Penguins survived a late flurry to stave off elimination with a 2-1 victory over Detroit in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals at Mellon Arena.

Jordan Staal also found the back of the net for Pittsburgh, which forced a decisive Game 7 Friday in the Motor City.

It marks the first time the Cup Finals have gone the distance since 2006, when the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Edmonton Oilers.

Marc-Andre Fleury, pulled in Saturday's 5-0 drubbing, was outstanding between the pipes for the Penguins, making 25 saves, including a breakaway opportunity by Dan Cleary in the dying moments of regulation.

Kris Draper provided the offence for the Red Wings, who will try to claim their second straight title in front of what is sure to be a raucous crowd at Joe Louis Arena, where they are 11-1 in these playoffs.

Chris Osgood stopped 29 shots in defeat.

The home team has won each of the first six games in this series.

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Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal celebrates his second-period goal with his Penguins teammates as Detroit goalie Chris Osgood looks on.

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Sports in brief

DRAFT James Paxton, a left-handed pitcher from Ladner, B.C., was selected 37th overall by the Toronto Blue Jays in yesterday's Major League Baseball draft. The Washington Nationals selected Stephen Strasburg, a right-handed pitcher from San Diego State, first overall.

HOCKEY Ottawa Senators forward Dany Heatley yesterday asked to be traded from Ottawa, according to several media outlets. Heatley is less than two years into a $45-million US, six-year contract.

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Jesse Litsch will undergo season-ending ligament replacement surgery Friday. Manager Cito Gaston made the announcement yesterday before the Jays played the Texas Rangers. The 24-year-old was originally placed on the 15-day disabled list Apr. 14 after an MRI revealed a strained right forearm.

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Relocation has a price tag: Judge

COYOTES A U.S. bankruptcy judge said yesterday that the National Hockey League can probably charge the co-CEO of BlackBerry maker Research in Motion a relocation fee if he moves the bankrupt Phoenix Coyotes team to Hamilton, Ont.

"We believe the judge is extremely well informed, and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion."
NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

Bankruptcy Judge Redfield Baum said the issue of a potential fee should be settled before deciding on whether the team can be relocated at all. If the fee is too high, the judge said, RIM co-CEO James Balsillie might withdraw his bid and the question would be moot.

Canadian billionaire Balsillie offered to buy the money-losing hockey team for $212.5 million in May when it filed for bankruptcy protection, on condition it be relocated to Hamilton.

But Balsillie and the Coyotes owner, trucking magnate Jerry Moyes, have been facing off in court with the NHL, which has said it wants to keep the franchise in Phoenix by finding a local buyer.

Balsillie's offer is the only formal one submitted so far, but the NHL has said there are four potential bidders committed to keeping the team in Arizona.

Balsillie's lawyer told the court the NHL had hinted it could charge as much as $100 million for the right to relocate the team; an amount he called unreasonable.

The NHL is unlikely to negotiate a relocation fee unless its board, made up of the owners of the league's franchises, approve such a move.

"We believe the judge is extremely well informed, and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman told reporters as he headed to the airport on his way to Pittsburgh for Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final.

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Magic hold on for Game 3 win

NBA 2009 Finals

BASKETBALL Dwight Howard scored 21 points with 14 rebounds as Orlando finally put the ball in the basket and watched Kobe Bryant miss shots and commit a key turnover down the stretch, as the Magic beat the Lakers 108-104 to take Game 3 of the NBA Finals.

Rafer Alston scored 13 of his 20 points in the first half, Rashard Lewis donated 21 points and Hedo Turkoglu recorded 18 points with seven assists and six rebounds. The Magic shot an NBA Finals record 75 per cent in the first half, and ended up making 62.5 percent of their shots for the entire 48 minutes.

The Lakers now lead the best-of-seven series 2-1, with Game 4 scheduled for tomorrow night at Amway Arena in Orlando.

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Motion of ocean technology

Last Friday, the Newfoundland and Labrador government launched a new initiative called Oceans of Opportunity — a five-year, $28-million strategy with the goal of identifying new opportunities in ocean technology and expanding relationships with regional, national, and international partners.

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Stay health conscious for extra cash

Head to **Toe**

MAT LECOMPTE
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In economic times like these, having some additional cash in the pocket can be pretty handy. Of course, right now, the opportunities to make a little bit of extra income can seem too few and far between. But by using the old combination of two feet and a heartbeat, there are a number of opportunities that could increase your income this summer.

With a passion for fitness, a desire for helping others and the comfort of a little extra dough, people like Alanna Gills are taking advantage of part-time job opportunities that let them stay fit and make some decent cash.

Gillis, the 28-year-old asset and facility management consultant by day, has found a way to make an additional $40 an hour in her spare time by doing what she loves: Running.

Every Tuesday evening, Gillis instructs two running clinics for a personal training studio called Body Design, near Toronto. The part-time opportunity that she stumbled in to a few months ago is perfect for an athletic, health-conscious person like her. Drawing from experience as a runner and personal trainer, she teaches an introductory running course called Learn to Run, while also training people for 10-kilometer races. All in all, she says the experience is phenomenal — and it's not just the money attached to it.

Running an instructional class at your local gym can be a healthy choice when it comes to making some extra cash.

"I love it," she says. "When you get someone through a tough spot; when you see that you've helped them do something they wouldn't normally do, it's really great!"

In order to get a part-time job in fitness, Gillis insists that it should be something people be passionate and educated about. She has been a certified personal trainer for years and has enjoyed running since she was a child, but required no formal training for her current running clinics. She says that based on her lifestyle and knowledge of the body, she is a qualified leader.

So, how does someone like you get a part-time job in fitness? Well, all you can really do is just get out and look. Consider inquiring with stores like the Running Room or community centres in your area. Be sure to learn about any kind of unique training or qualifications you may need in order to take on such a job.

Taking on a few clients or getting hired to hold clinics can be great way to keep fit, while making decent money in the process.

Healthiest cities

- Best Health Magazine recently broke down the healthiest cities in Canada, where one of the criteria was people who enjoy activity for leisure time. Here are the Top 10 places you'll find people looking to engage in an active lifestyle:

1: Victoria,
2: Ottawa,
3: Calgary,
4: Winnipeg,
5: Brandon,
6: Vancouver,
7: Charlottetown,
8: Edmonton,
9: Saint John,
10: Regina.
Toronto placed at No. 19.

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Premature conclusions cost case

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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I love the stories unearthed from the workplace trenches. Those that I report are chosen based on a combination of their merit, law, skill — and oftentimes error. This is the tale of one employer who learned that insincerity and bad intentions will often sway judicial favour in a lawsuit.

With her manager's consent secured, Jennifer Koos left the Surrey, B.C. office of A & A Contract Customs Brokers to run a short personal errand, thinking she would be right back. However, when Koos returned 30 minutes later, she was called on the carpet and accused by her manager of being a "liar" for saying she would only be gone for a few minutes.

Upset that her manager had chastised her in front of her co-workers, Koos reported the incident to a supervisor, Jane Arnett, who quickly convened a meeting between Koos and her boss. With matters unresolved after the meeting, Arnett suggested that Koos could leave for the rest of the day. Koos then went to the hospital, where she had her doctor fax a note to her employer stating that she would need two weeks off from work due to anxiety.

Over the next week, Arnett twice left messages on Koos's phone asking for a reply. When Koos did not, Arnett swiftly wrote her a letter stating that A & A assumed that she had abandoned her position, having failed to respond to Arnett's entreaties.

Koos quickly wrote back emphasizing that she had not terminated her employment. She was away due to sickness, as the doctor's note surely should have explained. But A & A was not prepared to accept Koos's "explanation." Taking exception to A & A's brusque position, Koos took the company to court.

Justice Eric Rice of the B.C. Supreme Court recently rejected A & A's argument that Koos had abandoned her job and instead ruled that she had been wrongfully dismissed. Koos never stated that she was quitting, and Arnett never asked. It was the employer's responsibility to clarify the facts with its employee, before simply treating her as having resigned, wrote Justice Rice who added that Arnett's desire "to be rid" of Koos's services coloured her view of the facts and caused her to act prematurely. Koos was awarded ten months' pay and her legal costs.

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Dr. Kashif Pirzada practises medicine in the emergency room of the Brampton Civic Hospital, one of the busiest ERs in Ontario.

Split-second miracle

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RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Bringing people back from the brink of death is no small feat but for Dr. Kashif Pirzada, it's all in a day's work.

Pirzada, 30, is an ER doctor at Brampton Civic Hospital, one of Ontario's busiest emergency rooms. In a setting where most patients arrive having the worst day of their lives, Pirzada does everything in his power to make sure they can leave the ER ready for plenty of better days. As a child, Pirzada watched doctors with a sense of awe, deciding that he too wanted to help save lives one day.

"I got interested in medicine because of some of the doctors I saw when I was a kid. I thought they were miracle-workers and I wanted to be a miracle-worker," Pirzada said.

Pirzada started at Brampton Civic after finishing his long seven-year journey to become a doctor, first with his medical degree at the University of Toronto and followed by a residency at McGill University in Montreal. In just two years as an ER doctor, Pirzada, like many doctors, has already performed his share of miracles.

In one emergency case that has become typical in his work, Pirzada helped resuscitate a clinically dead patient and saw him months later for a minor quibble.

"I told him, 'Good evening Mr. S. When we last met, you were dead. What's this about a toe infection today?' I live for those moments," Pirzada said.

When a split second separates life and death, Pirzada says training takes over to make sure every second counts because the responsibility is enormous.

"All of your training and all of your skills, in an instant, can mean the difference between life and death for somebody. The flipside is you have an enormous burden never to miss anything," Pirzada said.

"I told him, 'Good evening Mr. S. When we last met, you were dead. What's this about a toe infection?' I live for those moments."
Dr. Kashif Pirzada

Though the stress and emotional toll of the job can be desensitizing for some people, Pirzada says it's important never to let yourself become jaded or lose your sense of caring. It's impossible not to be emotionally affected on some level, he says.

"It's really important that your never lose your empathy — when you lose that you can't do your job properly anymore," he said.

Being able to help patients regain their health and their lives is what motivates Pirzada to keep doing his best.

"When you see the positive results of your work – that there are people living longer and better lives because of you, that's very satisfying," Pirzada said.

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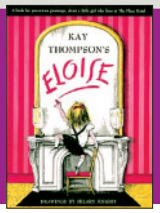

Live like Eloise

New York City landmark The Plaza Hotel, which recently underwent a $400 million US renovation, is encouraging guests to channel Eloise, the mischevious six-year-old who took up residence at the hotel in 1955 when the first of Kay Thompson's books was published. The Live Like Eloise package includes overnight accommodations, a Super Duper Sundae from In-Room Dining, Eloise postcards and more, all from $895 US/night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Spend a summer's day at Brighton's seaside

UK resort city offers plenty of diversions

EMMA E. FORREST
for Metro World News

A short train ride from London, Brighton is one of the most vibrant seaside resorts in the UK. With a beach, great shopping, an arts and music scene as well as lively gay and straight nightlife, there's something for everyone.

To kick off a perfect day in Brighton, watch the sun rise from the freestanding bath in your room at the Hotel du Vin, hotelduvin.com/brighton, a stylish boutique hotel that's perfectly placed right in the centre of town

Have breakfast in the hotel, where you can tuck into smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, or a full English breakfast of sausage, bacon, baked beans, eggs, toast and tea.

Then pay a visit to the outlandish Royal Pavillion, royalpavilion.org.uk, a palace built in 1815 by the scandalous bon vivant King George IV to resemble the Taj Mahal. Check out the lavish interior and pretty gardens, then take a stroll along to the traditional Brighton Pier, where you can make your hair fly back on the roller-coasters and lose your pennies on the arcade games.

For lunch, eat fish and chips overlooking the sea at the Regency fish bar, theregencyrestaurant.co.uk, on the pebbly beach, watching braver people going for a swim in the sea. Then head out to navigate the maze of narrow alleyways that they call the Brighton Lanes — built in the 17th century and now home to antique shops, hip interiors stores and elegant chocolate shop, Montezuma. For alternative accessories and vintage clothes hit the 300 or so independent stores on bohemian North Laine.

Watch the sun set on the beach, while enjoying a drink and a traditional pub snack of delicious home made scotch eggs and pork pies from the Pub du Vin. If you're feeling energetic, take a walk towards the trendy neighbourhood of Hove, and go for a drink in one of the many nice bars on Western Road, including the Spanish Pintxo People, pintxopeople.co.uk, and the Freemasons pub with its striking gold-tiled frontage.

For a treat, book a table at the Gingerman, one of the best restaurants in town, or its pub, The Ginger Pig, gingermanrestaurants.com. Follow up with drinks in the flashy bar at Myhotel Brighton, myhotels.com. If you're feeling flush, check into a room in this hip new hotel with its palette of lurid '60s-inspired colours — the top-end rooms here are like something out of Austin Powers, complete with circular bed, freestanding bath and an up-lit Buddha statue on the balcony.

A view of Brighton Pier with the beach below.

Good to know

How to get there: There are several trains an hour to Brighton departing from London's London Bridge station. It takes about an hour and costs from £16.90. By bus, the trip takes two hours and costs from £3.
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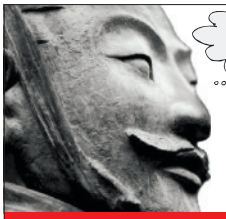
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If you like the idea of beer tourism, it'd be hard to get more bang for your buck than in the medieval German town of Bamberg — there are nine breweries in the Bavarian town and 90 more close by, all part of a Brewery Trail. METRO NEWS SERVICES

European festivals fight financial washout

The Prodigy or Fatboy Slim are not enough to persuade Dorina Keresztes to fork out for a rock festival ticket this summer. She says she will find other ways to party.

"Lounging in a park drinking wine with friends is, you know, free," said the 22-year old student from Budapest.

Glastonbury in Britain may be a sell-out, but in the north and east of Europe from Denmark's Roskilde to Romania's B'esfest and Hungary's Sziget, the uncertainties of recession are making 2009 as a rock festival "summer of love" a hard sell.

As some sponsors pull out, the discounts on offer look geared to publicity. Bring 45 people to Sziget — usually Europe's third-largest event after Roskilde and Glastonbury — and all can go half price, organizers say.

Other festivals are postponing planned price hikes, particularly in eastern Europe where the crisis has fallen on countries with already much slimmer economic cushions than in the West. Many have had to scale back.

"That (price) is obscene, The ticket price is only the beginning. You have to eat, drink, smoke..." Dorina Keresztes

As a purely discretionary pastime, festivals have to strike the right balance between price and value, says Christof Huber, general secretary of Yourope, an organization of Europe's summer festivals. "That could be difficult this year."

Hungary's unemployment rate is near 10 per cent, its highest in at least 13 years, and economic growth indicators are at their weakest since the end of Communism. The country is dependent on a $25 billion US IMF loan.

Luring foreigners by highlighting eastern Europe's relative affordability is just about the best hope some festivals have.

"As we raise prices to catch up with festivals in western Europe, the Hungarian audience slowly melts," said Gabor Takacs, financial director of Sziget. "But to westerners, this is still cheap."

Sziget has in recent years drawn French, German, Dutch and British visitors by its affordability relative to their home events, he said.

A six-day pass for Sziget, which means "island" and takes place on an island in the Danube river, costs 150 euros ($208) — more affordable to a German on average take-home pay of 2,140 euros per month than to a Hungarian, who earns an average of 475 euros, according to the latest Eurostat data.

"That (price) is obscene," said Keresztes. "The ticket price is only the beginning. You have to eat, drink, smoke..." REUTERS

Top 10 balconies

As luxury hotels compete for guests, it's not just the in-room amenities that count, but also balconies with hot tubs, sun-loungers, bars — and great views. Men's website AskMen.com has come up with a list of the world's top 10 hotel balconies:

1 Atlantis Resort & Casino, Bridge Suite: Nassau, Bahamas At $25,000 US a night, the Bridge Suite at the Atlantis Resort & Casino in Nassau is atop a bridge that connects the hotel's Royal Tower buildings. The balcony overlooks the entire resort and marina, with the turquoise waters of the Caribbean.

2 Palms Resort & Casino, Hugh Hefner Sky Villa: Las Vegas This balcony, which hosted the likes of Kanye West, Common, Soulja Boy, and T-Pain during the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards, overlooks the glittering Las Vegas Strip. As well as having enough space for a party, the balcony boasts a cantilevered Jacuzzi pool with glass end-wall and the Playboy logo.

3 The Hotel Cipriani, Palladio Suite: Venice, Italy Built above a shimmering blue lagoon with dozens of floor-to-ceiling windows, it's not hard to see why the Palladio Suite at the Hotel Cipriani is its most coveted. The suite has access to a stunning terrace that features an outdoor heated plunge pool flanked by fragrant jasmine bushes. There's also a Jacuzzi, from where you can admire Venice's canals.

4 The Oberoi Udaivilas, Kohinoor Suite: Udaipur, India The Kohinoor Suite has all the luxurious amenities a regal guest could ever dream of — including an oversize balcony with its own manicured garden and a 66-foot private swimming pool overlooking Lake Pichola.

5 The Bowery Hotel, Bowery Suite: New York City The Bowery Suite on the 14th floor has a private terrace complete with spacious seating area as well as outdoor showers and a Jacuzzi.

6 The Delano, Terrace Suite: Miami The luxurious Terrace Suite is even named after the 1,000-square-foot terrace that fans out in front of it. It is home to enough potted plants to start a small rain forest, beach house-style wooden-decking underfoot and sun-loungers where guests can bronze without leaving the suite.

7 The May Fair Hotel, Penthouse Suite: London The glass-sided balcony runs the length of the entire suite and may be narrow but affords stunning views of the city and comes complete with its own bar. Paris Hilton hosted a party here when she was in town to film her latest reality show.

8 The InterContinental Hong Kong, Presidential Suite: Hong Kong This suite's 2,500-square-foot wrap-around balcony has incredible views of Victoria Harbor and Hong Kong island, and comes complete with a cityscape-facing infinity pool and Jacuzzi.

9 Chateau Marmont, Two Bed Penthouse: Los Angeles The Hollywood gang love the two-bedroom penthouse suite at the famous Chateau Marmont with its 1,500-square-foot private terrace with unparalleled views over Hollywood.

10 The Dorchester, Terrace Suite: London Inspired by the interplay between interior and exterior spaces, designer Alexandra Champalimaud has created a terrace to trump them all: a beautiful space that features a soothing zen water feature, over-the-top topiary and atmospheric lighting. REUTERS

Nassau's Atlantis Resort boast's the world's top balcony.

Potter star new face of Burberry

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Entertainment

Idol opens up

Adam Lambert says he is gay in the new issue of Rolling Stone (on stands today) and has inked a record deal will be working on a debut album expected in the fall. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Once in a New Moon

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After the success of Twilight last year, New Moon — the latest film in the Stephanie Meyer's book series — is one of this year's most hotly anticipated upcoming movies. Leading the production is director Chris Weitz, who is taking his first stab at the franchise.

Q How does it feel to take over directorial duties of such a successful franchise?

A On the one hand, it's exciting to take over a successful franchise. On the other, it's daunting. There are so many fans who have high expectations for this film, but it's made easy by the fact that I inherited this amazing cast who are certainly very talented. So half of the time, I'm just overjoyed to be a part of this and the other half, I'm nervous that I'm going to be hunted down and killed by a pack of 14-year-old teenage girls in about a year's time!

Q What was your reaction when you were first offered the job?

A I was surprised because it happened very suddenly, and I had a week and a half to decide whether I was gong to do it or not. Then I saw the first film, I saw the case and I thought, 'This is going to be great, actually. Kristen, Rob and Taylor were great' — that's what convinced me to do it. And I read the book and I thought I saw my way of making a good version of the book. It's really a question of whether I can do justice to the book and to please the readers. That's my job.

More New Moon

- For more of Metro's interview with Chris Weitz, visit metronews.ca/entertainment.
- Read tomorrow's issue of Metro for an interview with actress Kristen Stewart.

Q Twilight, the first installment of the series, received some criticism for not being 100 per cent true to the book. Are you addressing some of these issues?

A It's impossible to be completely faithful to every single page of a book because movies don't have enough time. So you end up cutting things and combining things. But I would say that we're definitely using the book as our bible. My take on this film is the film is the book and Stephanie Mayer is my main resource for everything in this. I'm constantly checking with her to see if it's something a character would do or a detail is right. You can never absolutely please everybody but my main attention is to satisfy the fans of the book.

Q You're a very visual director. What's your vision for New Moon?

Chris Weitz takes over directorial duties for New Moon.

A The whole idea is to use the full palette of colours, to have our shadows be very dark and to have our colours be very rich so that we can experience the full range of emotional texture. The idea is that this will look like a Victorian narrative painting in a way with those medieval jewel-like colours as well as very glossy deep blacks, and for the composition of the frames to be classical. In some ways, this is going to be a rather old-fashioned film. There are elements that incorporate the latest technology and there are things that are very dynamic in the action scenes.

Finley the lastest top model casualty

Finley

TV Snow isn't the only element Canada's Next Top Model will be expected to brave once she's crowned.

The model hopefuls were put to various elemental tests on last night's episode of the show. The dry runs were preparation for the week's challenge. Host Jay Manuel surprised the girls with a trip to the Bahamas, where they had to embrace a tropical climate to produce a winning photo. The location seemed like an advantage to Ebonie Finley, who grew up in the Bahamas, but her confidence crumbled when the judges picked her photo as the weakest, making her the third contender to be sent home. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Kenya Hunt
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Gary Unmarried

Almost any parent is thrilled to share the "firsts" in his child's life, but leave it to constantly bickering Gary and Allison (Jay Mohr, Paula Marshall) to turn the process into yet another rivalry, as they compete to introduce their children (Ryan Malgarini, Kathryn Newton) to new experiences, including their first concert, first driving lessons and first shave. Al Madrigal also stars in "Gary Goes First." 8:30 PM on CBS VI

American Masters

Think Young! Neil Young, that is. In this new episode, the veteran musician uses previously unseen footage from his own archives to trace his long career from his early success with Buffalo Springfield through his stardom with Crosby, Stills and Nash and Crazy Horse to his later forays into new-wave music. Also seen in "Neil Young: Don't Be Denied" are James Taylor and Nils Lofgren, along with David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash, of course. 9 PM on PBS

Voight countersues investors

Jon Voight is suing two film investors after he was dragged into a lawsuit over a failed movie deal. The veteran actor was previously named as a defendant in legal papers filed by the pair, whose identities have not been revealed, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna's adoption a go?

GETTING HER WAY Madonna has finally proven that fame can buy you anything, after getting the go-ahead to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Despite the fact that relatives of Mercy James put up a fight to keep the child in her home, it seems Madonna has won over the Malawi Supreme Court and a positive ruling to be announced next Sunday should see the singer given permission to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, the website adds.

Apparently, two out of the three court judges have submitted reports recommending the adoption, while the third is said be "in complete unison with them," and a source told The Sun: "The paperwork is being typed up now, all recommendations are in favour of the adoption taking place. Mercy should start packing her bags. She's off to America." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Anna's pals face legal drama

ON AND ON The doctor accused of conspiring to illegally prescribe the drugs that led to Anna Nicole Smith's 2007 overdose is facing arrest after failing to show up for a court hearing on Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sandeep Kapoor, Khristine Eroshevich — Smith's neighbour and psychiatrist — and the late model's former lawyer-turned-lover Howard K. Stern entered not guilty pleas before Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Kristi Lousteau last month.

Charges against the trio were filed in March following a two-year investigation by California's Attorney General.

They have been accused of conspiring to keep Smith stocked up with a steady supply of prescription drugs including methadone, clonazepam and chloral hydrate — despite knowing she was an addict. The doctors also face charges of obtaining a prescription for opiates by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and prescribing opiates by giving a false name or address. If found guilty of all charges, the three face up to 33 years in prison.

Kapoor's attorney claims a medical emergency involving his client's patient caused him to miss the court appearance. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mamma Hawn knows best

MOTHERLY LOVE As Kate Hudson's fledgling relationship with Alex Rodriguez reportedly heats up, there's one person who isn't thrilled about it: her mother, Goldie Hawn.

"(Since Hudson's divorce), it's always the same pattern — she falls hard and fast, then gets bored or has her heart broken," a source told the Daily Mail. "Goldie hates the idea of seeing Kate getting hurt again." METRO WORLD NEWS

No torture for Heidi

ALAS A rep for Heidi Pratt (who changed her name from Montag after marrying Spencer Pratt) confirms to usmagazine.com exclusively that she was not tortured on the set of I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Us reported Pratt was rushed to the hospital Saturday after spending 14 hours in the Lost Chamber. (She and Spencer were sentenced to the spider-filled room while the cast voted if they could stay on the show after quitting last week.)

TMZ.com reported Pratt was being treated for a gastric ulcer, while her sister-in-law, Stephanie, posted on Twitter: "I'm really saddened to hear that nbc felt it was ok to punish speidi so harshly and torture them as if they were criminals — that Heidi was ... rushed to the hospital and has an IV in her arm after being locked in a dark room for 3 days w no food or water. Pls pray she will be ok." METRO NEWS SERVICES

LiLo a-Twitter about Sam

OFF, ON, OFF, ON If anything can be read into a winking emoticon, Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be a couple again — at least in Lohan's view — people.com reports.

"Leaving London but with my favorite favorite!!! (sic)" Lohan, 22, wrote on her Twitter page Monday as she and Ronson were photographed at a London airport terminal together awaiting a flight to Los Angeles.

To fuel speculation, Lohan adds: "Great news to share!! Maybe .... ;)"

Lohan, 22, and Ronson, 31, both have been in the U.K. in recent days but weren't seen spending time together — they stayed at separate hotels.

Still, a source told People that for weeks now, Lohan has been telling pals she's patched things up with Ronson.

"They haven't started fighting yet, but they are back together as far as Lindsay is concerned," said the source. "Lindsay has been doing so much better and has been giving Sam her space. She is really dedicated to making it work." METRO NEWS SERVICES

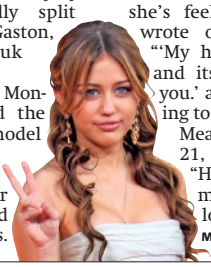
Miley's heart 'in two'

SAYING GOODBYE Miley Cyrus has reportedly split from Justin Gaston, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star and the underwear model — who have been dating since last year — have said their goodbyes.

As an indication of how she's feeling, Cyrus, 16, wrote on her Twitter: "'My heart is in two... and its all because of you.' a song i am starting to write :) (sic)."

Meanwhile, Gaston, 21, Twittered: "Haven't been this miserable in a looong time." METRO NEWS SERVICES



Courtney makes a big pink mess

CLEANING UP Courtney Love trashed a room at the Los Angeles Chateau Marmont with pink fabric dye then left without paying, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "She splashed pink dye everywhere — all over the kitchen and the floors! Once she realized what a mess she'd made, she called hotel staff to clean up after her. They took one look at it and returned with two huge bottles of bleach." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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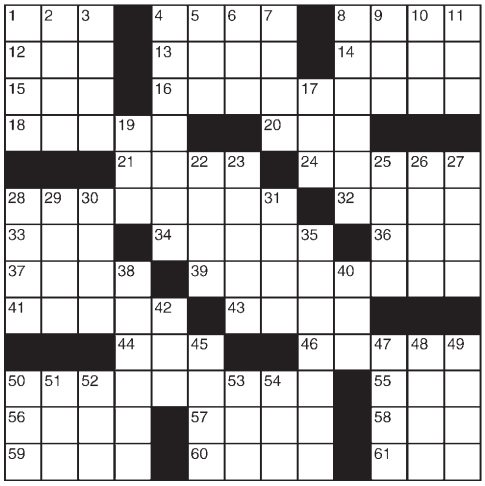

Crossword across

1 "Chicago" lyricist
4 Sailor's septet?
8 Alpha follower
12 Sticky stuff
13 Radius companion
14 Congregant's cry
15 Branch
16 Classic sitcom
18 Opening night
20 Moray, e.g.
21 Mineral-hardness scale name
24 Buzzing instrument
28 Simon & Garfunkel song
32 Carvey or Delany
33 Egg cells
34 Frighten
36 Ultimate, in a way
37 Allen and Conway
39 Uncle Sam's claim
41 Use
43 Old dagger
44 Ball prop
46 Charlie Brown's sister
50 Tony Martin hit
55 Nay undoer
56 Exceptional
57 Stare open-mouthed
58 Aries
59 Culture medium
60 Mongol tent
61 Trio from Cincinnati?

Crossword down

1 "Zounds!"
2 Drill
3 Flop on stage
4 "The Bachelorette" contestants
5 Blueprint add-on
6 "I'll take that as —"
7 Rescue
8 Love song
9 Outback bird
10 Sleuth (Sl.)
11 Whatever number
17 "A mouse!"
19 Ms. Thurman
22 Kachina doll maker
23 Garbage barges
25 Wild and crazy
26 Aware of
27 Waikiki locale
28 Greek vowel
29 Tel —
30 One of the Three Bears
31 Zen paradox
35 Israel's legislature
38 Grandma, sometimes
40 Afternoon get-together
42 7-Down souvenir
45 Nervous
47 Muse's instrument
48 Slender
49 Thanksgiving veggies
50 George's brother
51 Joke
52 Historic time
53 Water (Fr.)
54 Spring mo.

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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3		1		7		8		4
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9		7				2		5

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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2	9	8	4	5	7	1	6	3
9	1	4	7	6	5	2	3	8
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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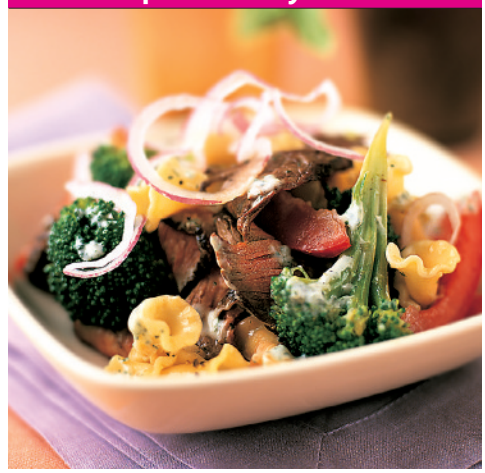

Beefy Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz (250 g) rotelle or other small pasta shape
6 cups (1.5 l) broccoli spears
10 oz (300 g) well-trimmed sirloin steak
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) plain fat-free yogourt
3 tbsp (45 ml) light mayonnaise
1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
I cup basil leaves
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
l lb (500 g) plum tomatoes, quartered
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced

METHOD:

1. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water according to package directions. Add broccoli spears during last 2 minutes of cooking; drain.
2. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Broil steak 4 in. (10 cm) from heat 4 minutes per side for medium or until done to taste. Transfer steak to cutting board and thinly slice across grain, on diagonal.
3. Combine yogourt , mayonnaise, vinegar, basil and salt in food processor and process until smooth. Transfer dressing to large serving bowl.
4. Add steak and any juices accumulated on cutting board and toss to coat. Add pasta, broccoli, tomatoes and onion to bowl and toss again. (Recipe can be made ahead and refrigerated. Bring back to room temperature before serving.)

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It may seem as if others don't care about your plight but what do they really know about your problems? Today you have got to speak up.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Some people think you are spending too much time enjoying yourself and not enough time taking care of serious matters. They're just too uptight.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
With Jupiter, planet of excess, at right angles to your ruler Mercury today you may go over the top and do something outrageous.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you confront what scares you today you will soon realize that it can't hurt you. It's time to get brave. Face up to your fears.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be true that everyone is agreeing with you but are they being honest? According to the planets, there is a real possibility that you are being lied to.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The more someone tries to talk you into investing in their latest big idea the more excuses you should make. Don't be fooled.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you know the difference between visualization and wishful thinking you will do well for yourself today. You've got to be practical too.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Something you thought was going OK will suffer an unexpected setback today and there may be some confusion as you struggle to work it out.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
This is going to be a busy day, so pace yourself carefully or you could find yourself out of breath before you are halfway to your goal.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may have plenty to shout about but be careful you don't go too far and say something that lands you in hot water.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Jupiter in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence but today's rather negative cosmic set-up warns that self-belief is not the be-all and end-all.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The more a certain individual praises you to the skies the more wary you should be. You can tell that they don't really mean it.

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